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greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

Hands up all you Knuckles fans out there... yep, that's most of you! Well, the good news is your favourite echidna begins a new four-part adventure this issue. Partnered by Porker Lewis, Knuckles stars in the nail-biting story **On the Run!**

Don't worry, the star of the show has not been overlooked! Leading the way in not one, but two new stories is Sonic in **Hobson and Choy** and **Bee Prepared**. Plus, Vermin the Cybernik has escaped from his cell in the conclusion to **Breakout**.

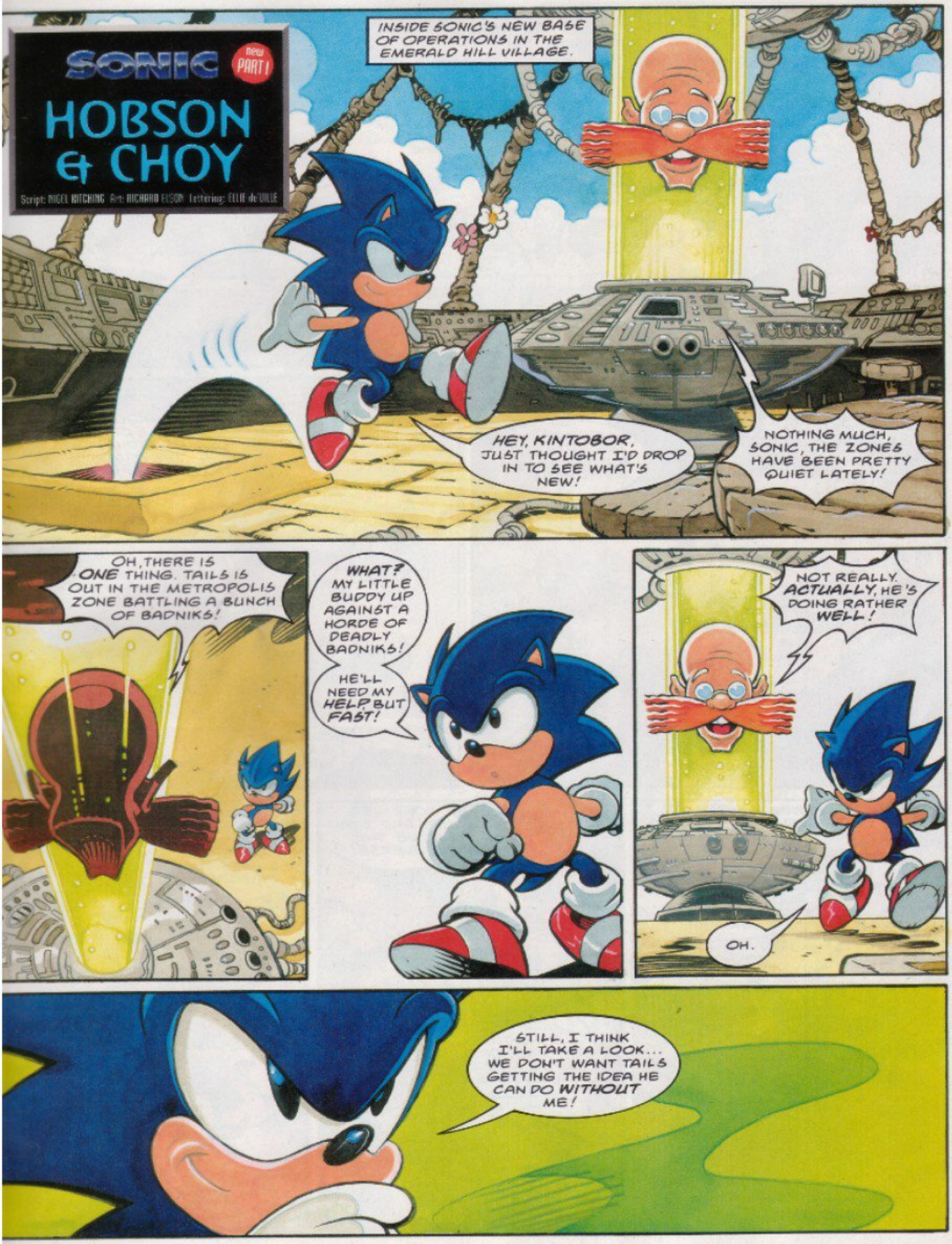
Let *STC* warm up your winter with two hot **Competitions!** Thanks to those fine folk at Sega, there's thirty **Sonic the Hedgehog Baseball Jackets** to be won, plus a **'Giant' Mountain Bike**, courtesy of Sun Pat!

Finally, there's even a **Decap Attack Pin-up** in the centre-pages. No, don't thank me, nothing's too good to you Boomers!

Megadroid

SONIC BOONS

It may be January, but *STC's* still in the mood for giving! That's why the next two issues of *STC* will each feature an exclusive **free gift**. Make sure you've got your copies reserved. Even better, why not use the form on the inside back cover to take out a subscription, which includes **free postage**?

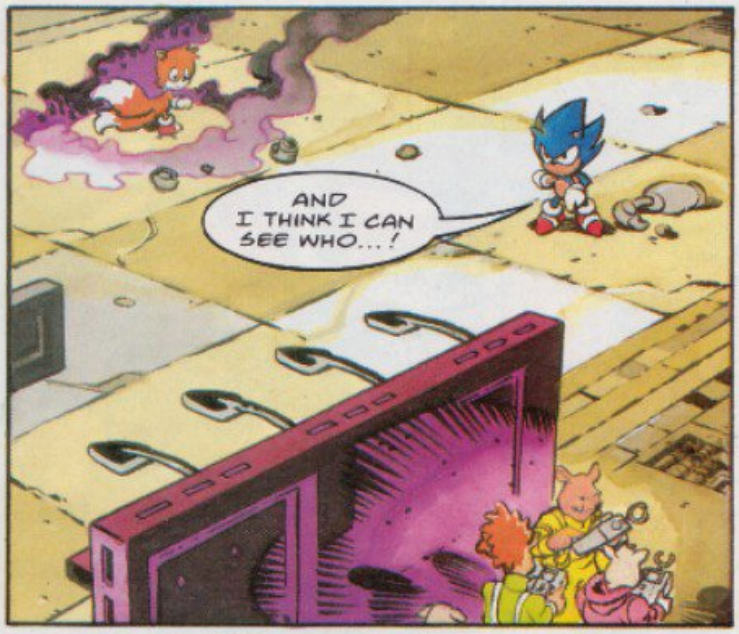

SONIC
new
PART 1
HOBSON & CHOY
Script: NIGEL KITCHING Art: RICHARD ELSON Lettering: ELLIE de'VILLE
INSIDE SONIC'S NEW BASE OF OPERATIONS IN THE EMERALD HILL VILLAGE.
HEY, KINTOBOR, JUST THOUGHT I'D DROP IN TO SEE WHAT'S NEW!
NOTHING MUCH, SONIC, THE ZONES HAVE BEEN PRETTY QUIET LATELY!
OH, THERE IS ONE THING. TAILS IS OUT IN THE METROPOLIS ZONE BATTLING A BUNCH OF BADNIKS!
WHAT? MY LITTLE BUDDY UP AGAINST A HORDE OF DEADLY BADNIKS!
HE'LL NEED MY HELP BUT FAST!
NOT REALLY. ACTUALLY, HE'S DOING RATHER WELL!
OH.
STILL, I THINK I'LL TAKE A LOOK... WE DON'T WANT TAILS GETTING THE IDEA HE CAN DO WITHOUT ME!

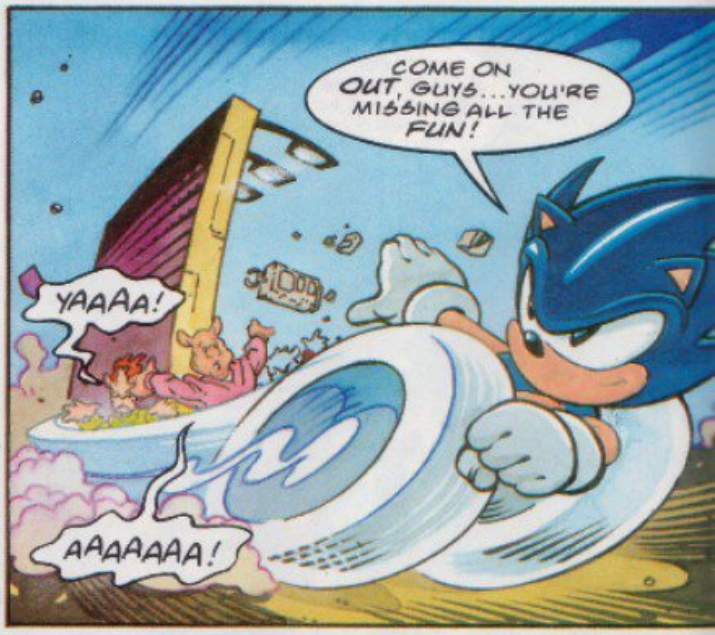
MEANWHILE, IN THE HOUSE OF WAR ON THE DRAKON EMPIRE'S HOME PLANET...
SO YOU SEE, EMPEROR KO-DORR, THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE CURRENTLY THE POWER SOURCE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!
ALL THAT POWER, JUST SITTING THERE, WAITING FOR ME TO COME AND TAKE IT!
FORGIVE ME, EMPEROR, BUT THERE IS A PROBLEM...
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA, GUARDIAN OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS!
AND I UNDERSTAND HE NOW HAS AN ARMY OF ROBOTS TO HELP HIM!
HIS POWER IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE MIGHT OF THE DRAKON EMPIRE!
YOU WERE RIGHT TO BETRAY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND JOIN THE DRAKON EMPIRE, GRIMER!
TOGETHER YOU AND I WILL RULE THE UNIVERSE!
I...I JUST GOT TIRED OF BEING ON THE SIDE OF THE LOSERS!
EMPEROR, I HAVE THE PRISONERS!
WHAT?

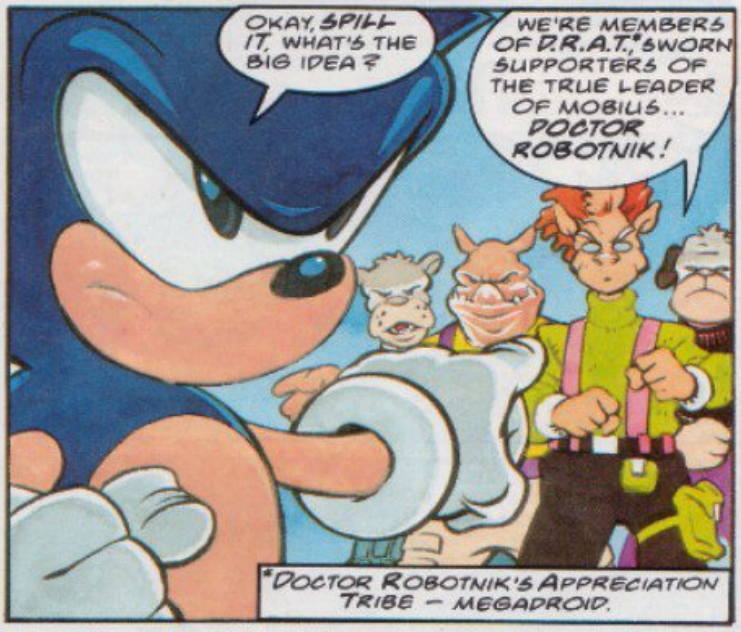
HOBSON AND CHOY, ACCUSED OF DEFACING ONE OF YOUR STATUES, EMPEROR!
NOT NOW, YOU FOOLS, I'M BUSY!
THROW THEM IN THE CELLS AND I'LL DECIDE THEIR PUNISHMENT WHEN I'M READY... MAYBE IN A YEAR OR TWO!
GO!
KONK
SLAT
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING PLANNED YOU'D BETTER GET ON WITH IT, CHOY!
SHUT UP, HOBSON... I'M WORKING ON IT!

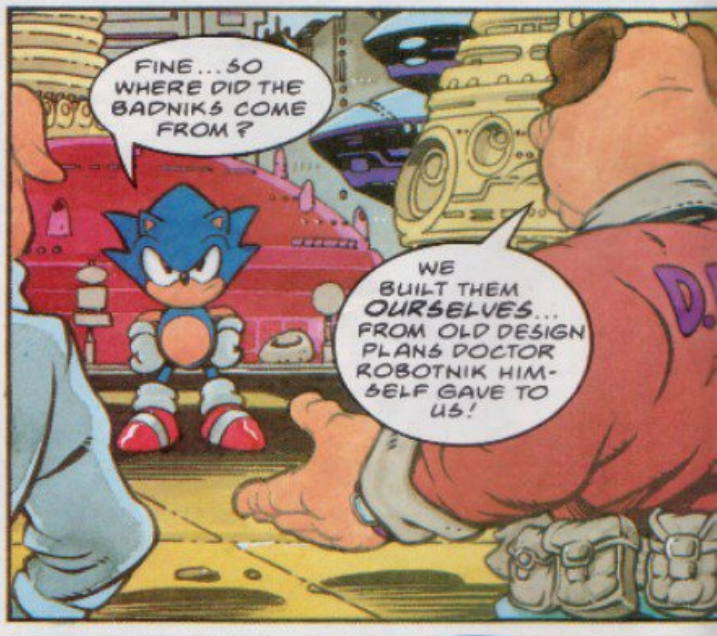
THIS IS A DIMENSIONAL STAFF... YOU CAN USE IT TO CALL UP A MOBIUS RING!
RIGHT...
I'VE JUST GOT TO... AH!
GET THROUGH, YOU BIG OX!
BUT, WHERE IS IT SET TO TAKE US?
WHAT'S IT MATTER? ANY-WHERE IS BETTER THAN HERE!
MEANWHILE...
HEY, IT LOOKS LIKE THE LITTLE GUY REALLY DOESN'T NEED MY HELP!
SO, FIGURED YOU'D GET ALL THE GLORY FOR YOURSELF, HUH?
SONIC? UH, NO, OF COURSE NOT... IT'S JUST THAT I THOUGHT I COULD HANDLE IT ALONE!

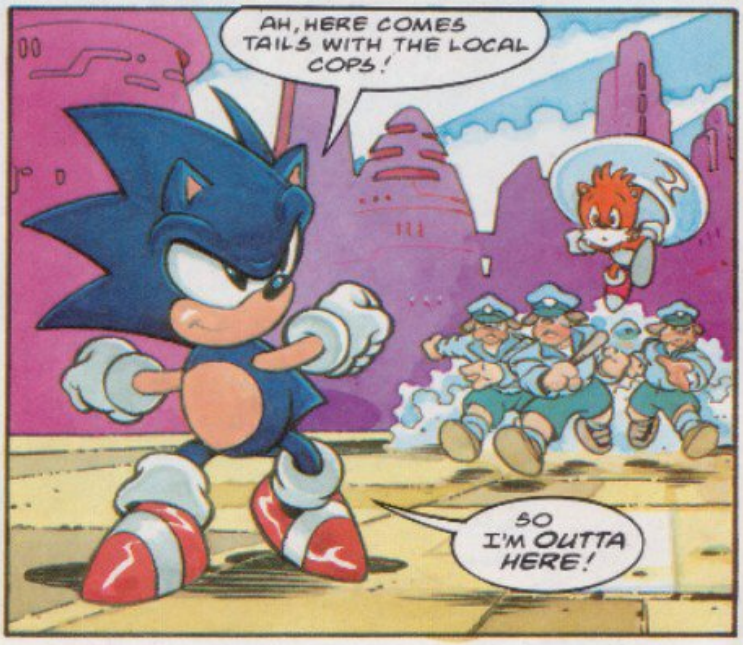
NOTICE SOMETHING ABOUT THESE BADNIKS, TAILS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WELL, THEY'RE ALL SO OLD! WE HAVEN'T FOUGHT THIS SERIES OF BADNIKS IN YEARS!
YES, BUT...
SO ROBOTNIK WOULD KNOW WE CAN BEAT THESE GUYS IN OUR SLEEP!
I KNOW, BUT...
AND LOOK AT HOW BADLY BUILT THEY ARE!
SO I FIGURE THAT OLD WALRUS CHOPS PROBABLY ISN'T BEHIND THIS!
TOKK
MY GUESS IS THESE BADNIKS ARE CONTROLLED BY SOMEONE ELSE...
REALLY?

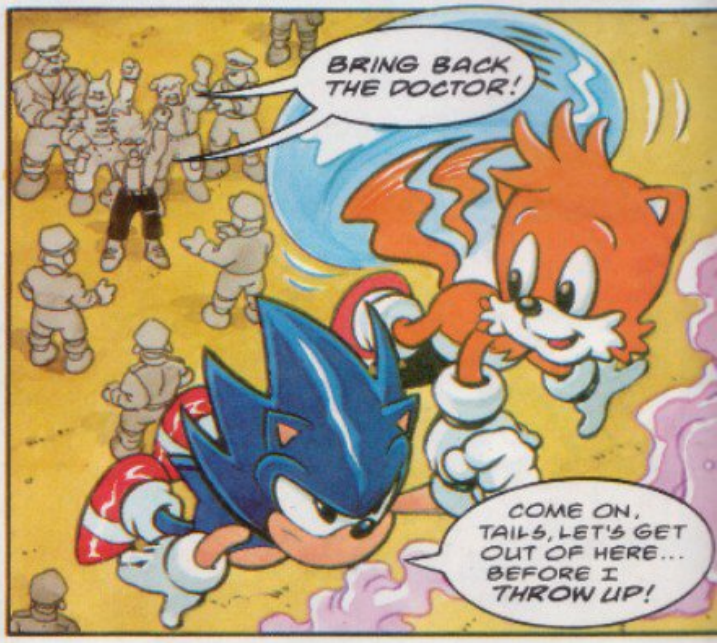

AND I THINK I CAN SEE WHO...!


COME ON OUT, GUYS...YOU'RE MISSING ALL THE FUN!
YAAAA!
AAAAAAA!


OKAY, SPILL IT, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
WE'RE MEMBERS OF D.R.A.T.* SWORN SUPPORTERS OF THE TRUE LEADER OF MOBIUS... DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
*DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S APPRECIATION TRIBE - MEGADROID.


FINE...SO WHERE DID THE BADNIKS COME FROM?
WE BUILT THEM OURSELVES... FROM OLD DESIGN PLANS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HIMSELF GAVE TO US!


AH, HERE COMES TAILS WITH THE LOCAL COPS!
SO I'M OUTTA HERE!


BRING BACK THE DOCTOR!
COME ON, TAILS, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE... BEFORE I THROW UP!

INSIDE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S BASE ON FLICKIES' ISLAND.
WHA?...
SEE, HOBSON, I TOLD YOU THIS WAS GOING TO WORK! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, FOR SURE!
I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE... YUP, I SURE HAVE!

NEXT: THE NEW RECRUITS!

THE FLOATING ISLAND, ONCE THE HOME TO AN ANCIENT RACE OF ECHIDNAS.
NOW IT IS RULED BY THE LAST OF THAT PROUD RACE.
THE MIGHTY KNUCKLES!

THESE OBJECTS ARE THE FAMOUS CHAOS EMERALDS. IT IS THEIR POWER WHICH KEEPS THE FLOATING ISLAND IN THE AIR.
THIS ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY IS BEYOND ME... I'M NEVER GOING TO UNDERSTAND HOW IT ALL WORKS!

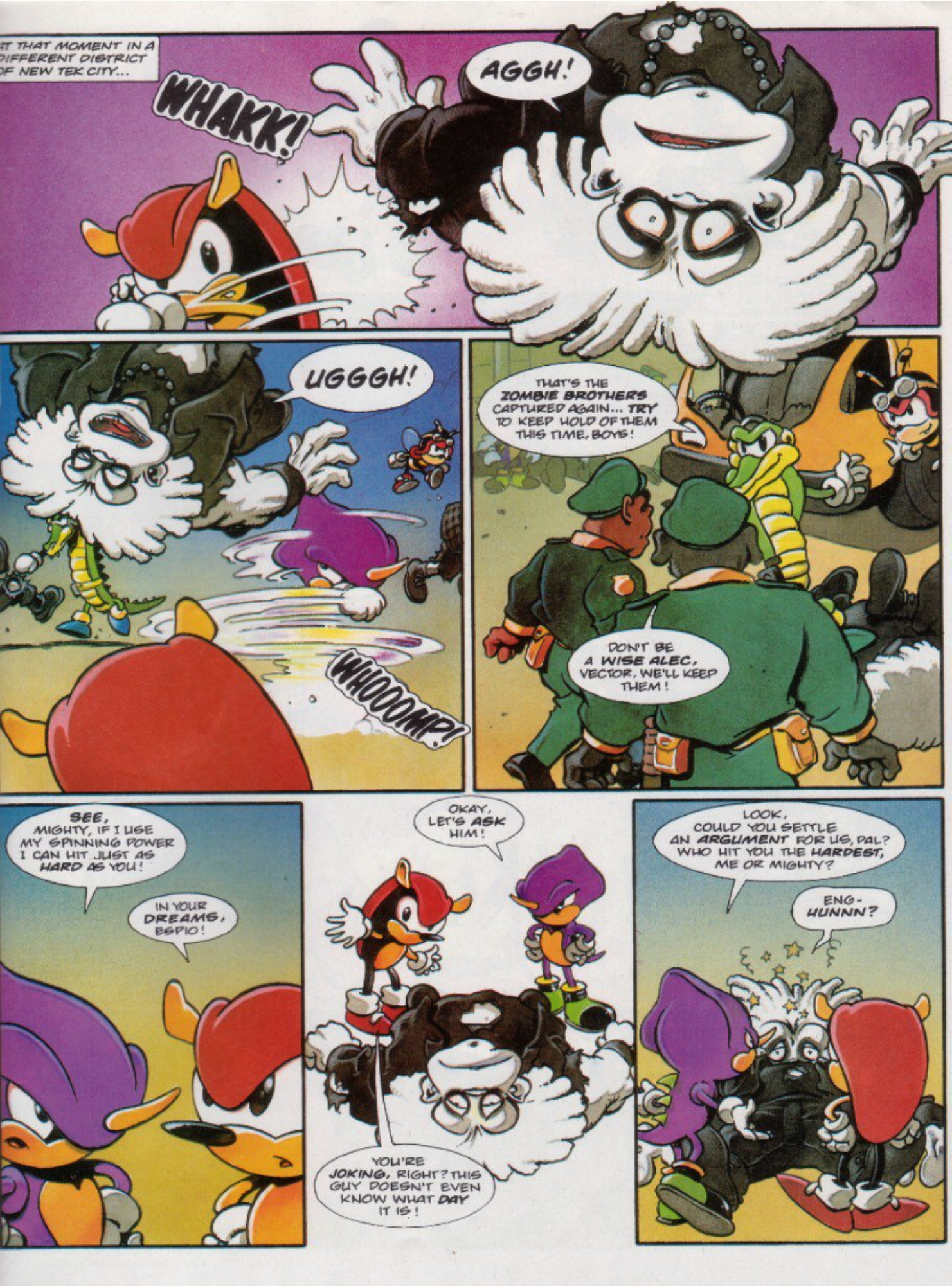
KNUCKLES ON THE RUN

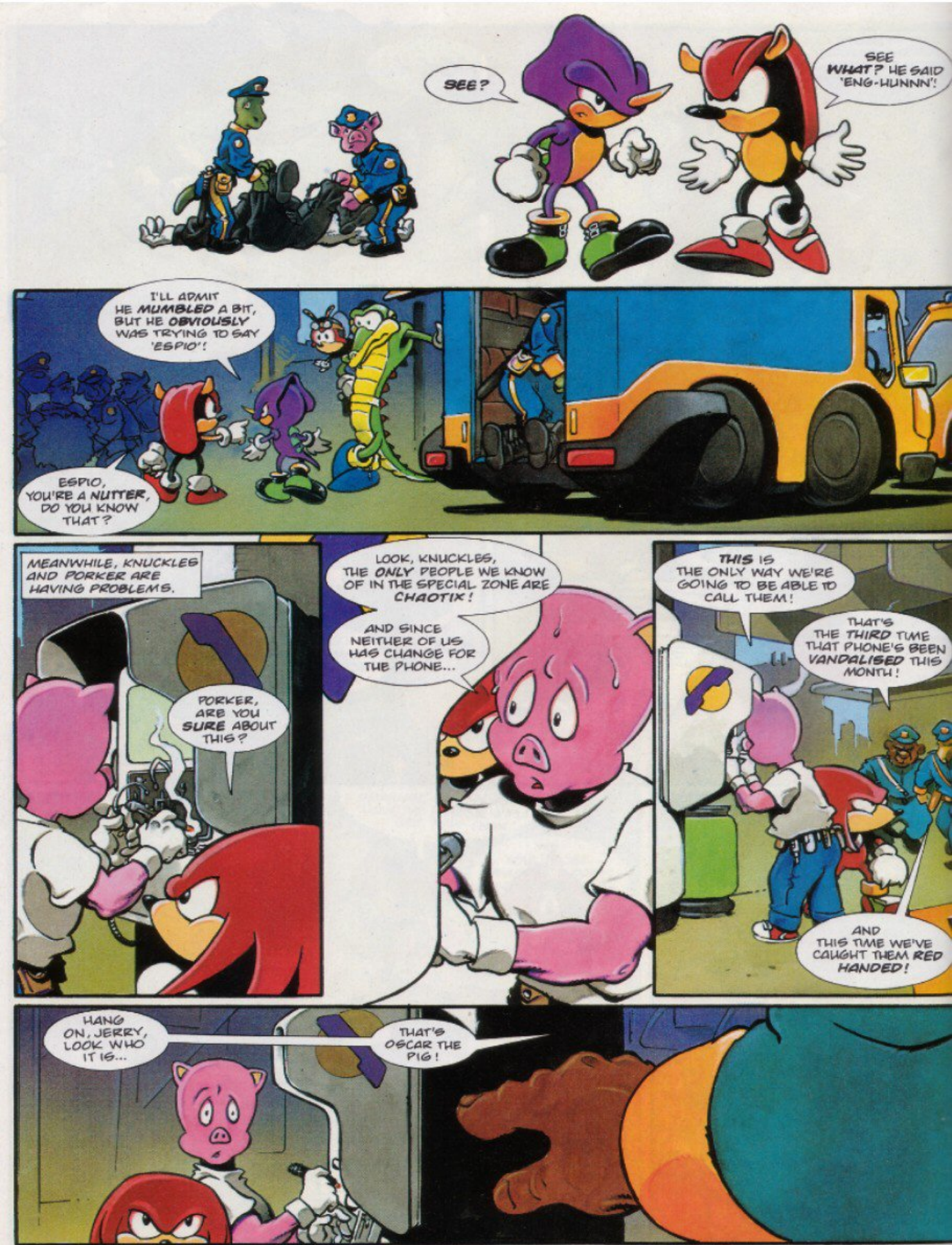
new PART 1

Script: NIGEL KITCHING Art: NIGEL DOBBYN Lettering: ELITTA FELL

IT'S NO GOOD, I NEED PORKER LEWIS' HELP AGAIN!
IT'S A GOOD THING HE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP ME REPAIR THE FLOATING ISLAND... I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT HIM!
PORKER, THERE YOU ARE! I'M HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE ENERGY FIELD LEVELS AGAIN AND...
HEY, WHAT DO YOU HAVE THERE?
I'M NOT SURE, KNUCKLES, I WAS JUST TRYING TO TRANSLATE THIS WRITING AND...
PORKER, QUICK, GET AWAY FROM IT!
WHAT?
CHIK!
I'VE SEEN ONE OF THESE BEFORE*... IT'S A DIMENSIONAL GATEWAY TO THE SPECIAL ZONE!
GET AWAY BEFORE IT DRAGS US...
ZUMMM!
THROUGHHHHH!
SHREEEEEEEE
* WAY BACK IN ISSUE 53 - Megadroid.

AN INSTANT LATER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE EAST RIVER IN NEW TEK CITY-
GLUBB!
YOU OKAY, PORKER?
COUGH... I... COUGH... THINK SO... COUGH COUGH!
KINDA COLD TO BE SWIMMING IN THE RIVER, AIN'T IT, YOUNG UNS?
I'M NOT DOING THIS FOR FUN, MISTER!
IT JUST SO HAPPENED THE PORTAL CAME OUT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FLIPPING RIVER!
THE SPECIAL ZONE IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DIMENSION TO OURS... HOW THE HECK DO WE GET BACK?
WE COULD JUST SWIM BACK DOWN AND GO THROUGH AGAIN!
FORGET IT... I NEARLY DROWNED JUST THEN! I'D NEVER MAKE IT BACK!
THEY SCARED ALL THE FISH AWAY... KIDS TODAY AIN'T GOT NO CONSIDERATION!


AT THAT MOMENT IN A DIFFERENT DISTRICT OF NEW TEK CITY...
WHAKK!
AGGH!
UGGGH!
WHOOOMP!
THAT'S THE ZOMBIE BROTHERS CAPTURED AGAIN... TRY TO KEEP HOLD OF THEM THIS TIME, BOYS!
DON'T BE A WISE ALEC, VECTOR, WE'LL KEEP THEM!
SEE, MIGHTY, IF I USE MY SPINNING POWER I CAN HIT JUST AS HARD AS YOU!
IN YOUR DREAMS, BSPIO!
OKAY, LET'S ASK HIM!
YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT? THIS GUY DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT DAY IT IS!
LOOK, COULD YOU SETTLE AN ARGUMENT FOR US, PAL? WHO HIT YOU THE HARDEST, ME OR MIGHTY?
ENG-HUNNN?


SEE?
SEE WHAT? HE SAID 'ENG-HUNNN'!
I'LL ADMIT HE MUMBLED A BIT, BUT HE OBVIOUSLY WAS TRYING TO SAY 'ESPIO'!
ESPIO, YOU'RE A NUTTER, DO YOU KNOW THAT?
MEANWHILE, KNUCKLES AND PORKER ARE HAVING PROBLEMS.
PORKER, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
LOOK, KNUCKLES, THE ONLY PEOPLE WE KNOW OF IN THE SPECIAL ZONE ARE CHAOTIX!
AND SINCE NEITHER OF US HAS CHANGE FOR THE PHONE...
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO CALL THEM!
THAT'S THE THIRD TIME THAT PHONE'S BEEN VANDALISED THIS MONTH!
AND THIS TIME WE'VE CAUGHT THEM RED HANDED!
HANG ON, JERRY, LOOK WHO IT IS...
THAT'S OSCAR THE PIG!

NEXT ISSUE: MISTAKEN IDENTITY!

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MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Dear Megadroid,

I know I am a bit late, but I hope you had a great New Year in the *STC* office. Also, please keep on bringing those cool Mick McMahon pictures into your brill magazine. I also like the ones that Nigel Dobbyn draws, especially the Crisis in the Chemical Plant Zone story.

Neil Johnson,
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Despite having to hold the clammy hands of the humes during 'Auld Lang Syne', I somehow managed to have a good time, Neil. By the way, the 'Crisis' artist was Richard Elson.

Lewis Dale,
Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

POINTED QUESTION

Dear Megadroid,

I'd like to know the reason why Knuckles has those strange points on the end of his gloves, and why he sometimes has a ring on his neck?

Stephen Greenwell,
West Bridgford, Nottingham.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

The red-dreaded one uses the points to help climb up walls, Stephen. As for the mysterious ring, well, you'll just have to watch this space for further revelations!

PERILOUS CHERYL

Dear Megadroid,

I think I may have gone over-the-top on Sonic and Tails - they seem to both be occupying my mind a lot these days! Tails because he's quite cute and can fly. But I like Sonic for his coolness and because I can relate to his attitude problem (he's unpredictable, like me!).

Cheryl McMahon,
Sutherland, Scotland.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Very honest of you, Cheryl! Incidentally, if Tails ever forgot how to fly, he'd have a serious ***altitude*** *problem!*

Amy & Tekno enter the Sci-fi Zone.

Sarah Adamson (hello, again!)
Lanarkshire, Scotland.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

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Be sure to include your snail mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

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DOUBLE SONIC

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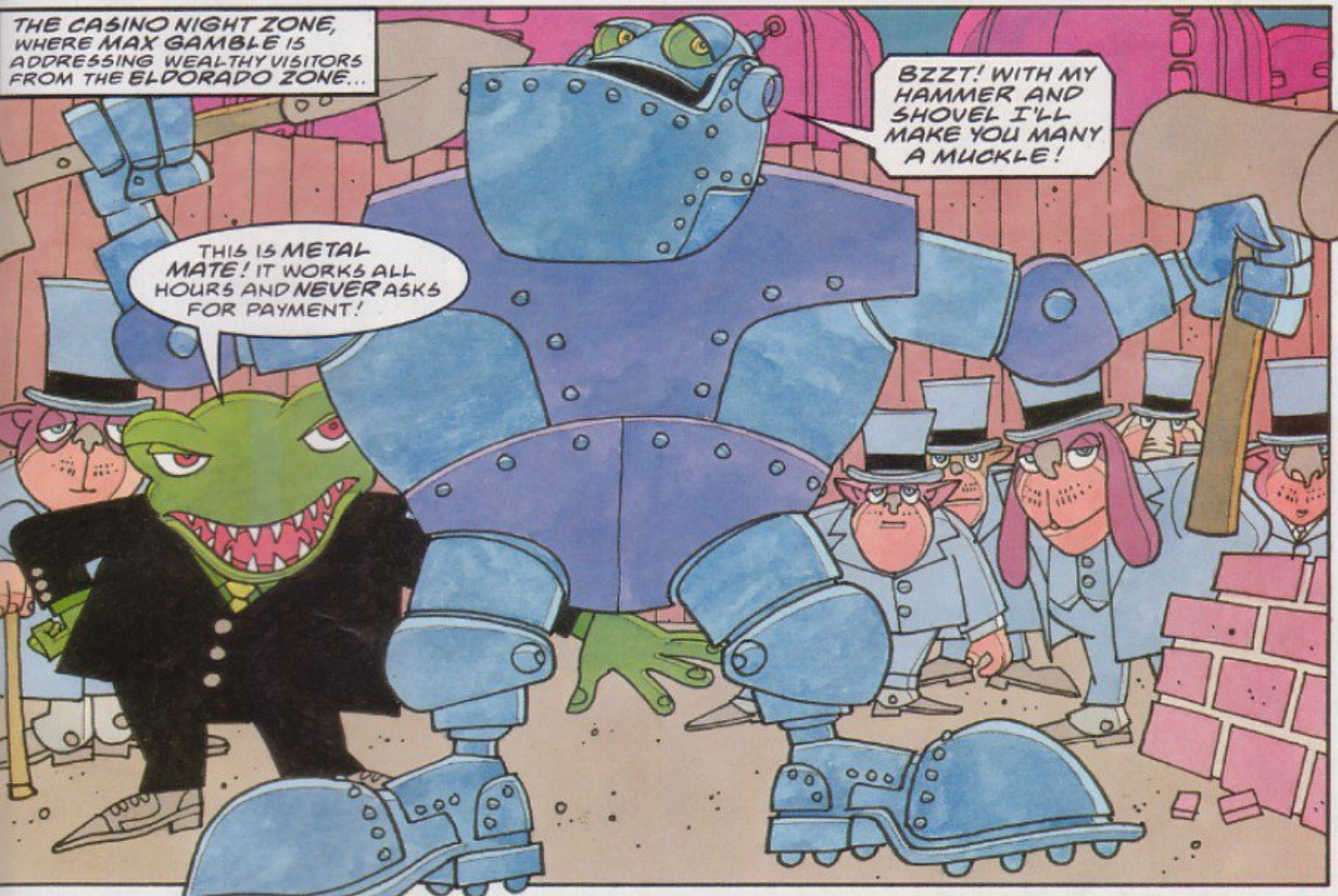
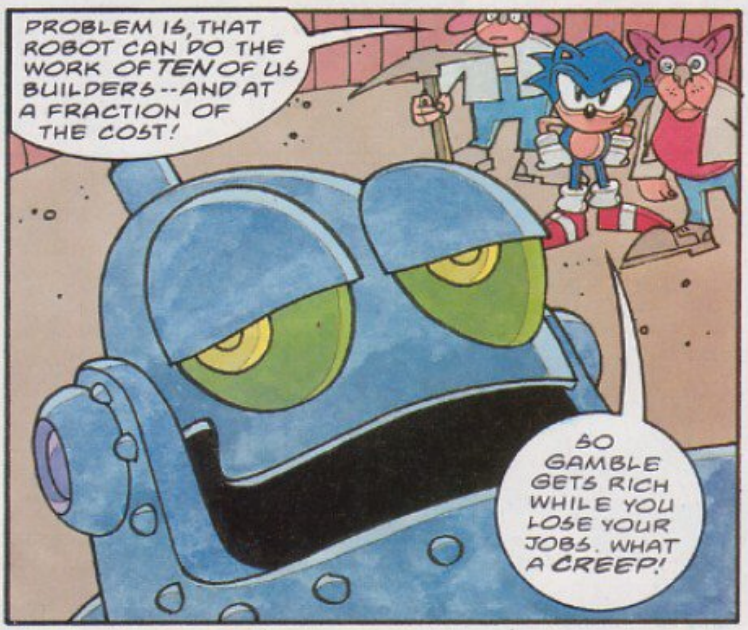
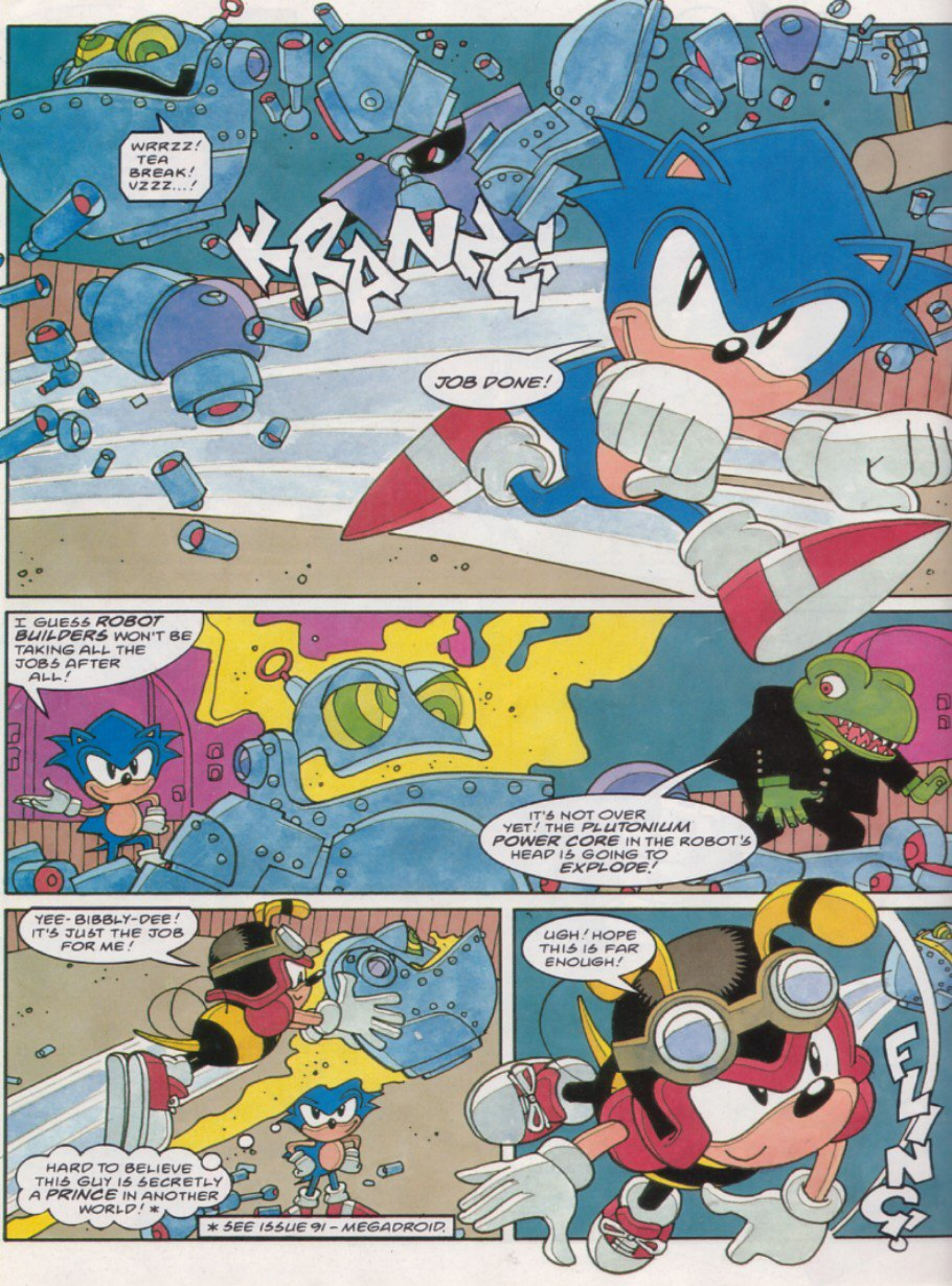
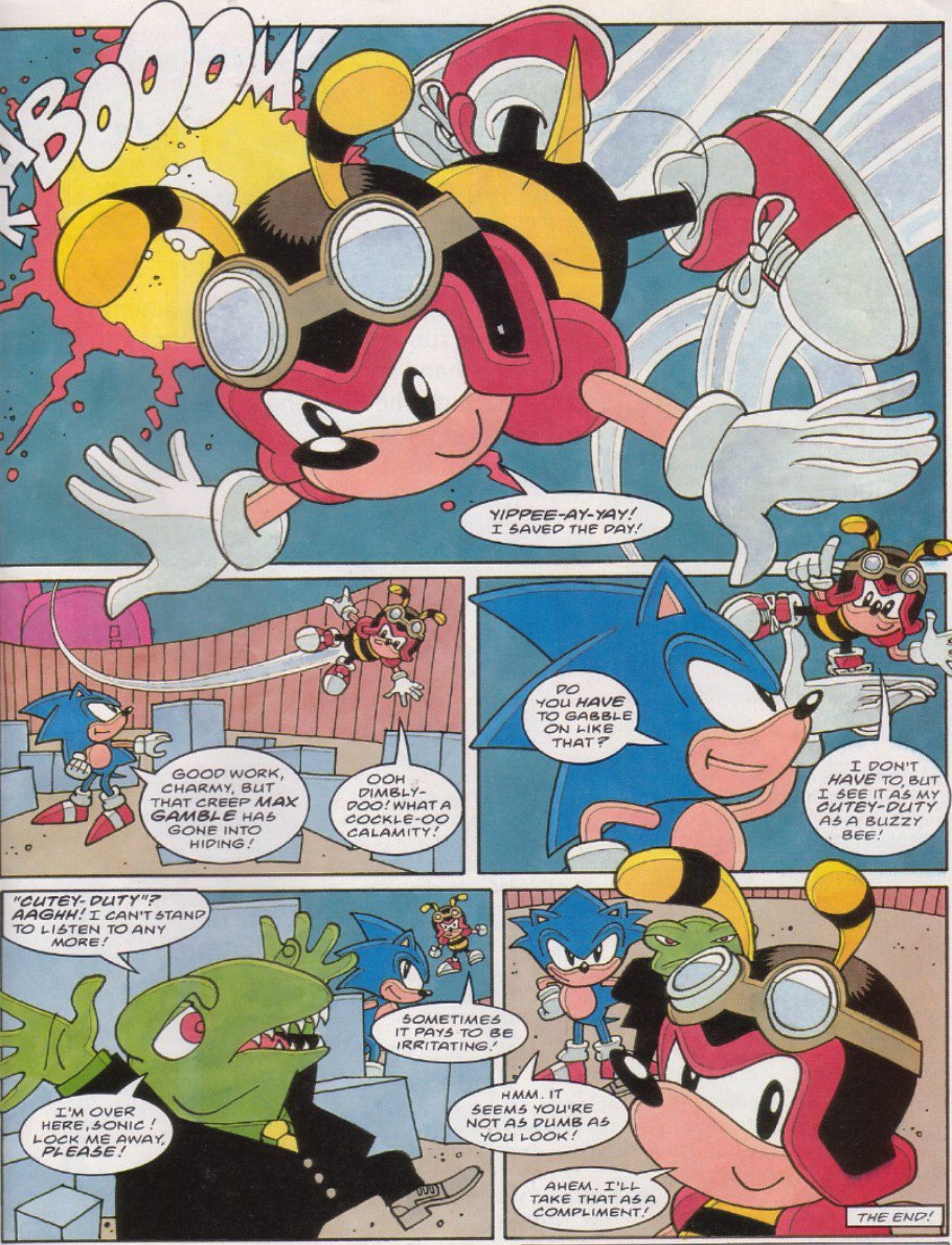

THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE, WHERE MAX GAMBLE IS ADDRESSING WEALTHY VISITORS FROM THE ELDORADO ZONE...
THIS IS METAL MATE! IT WORKS ALL HOURS AND NEVER ASKS FOR PAYMENT!
BZZT! WITH MY HAMMER AND SHOVEL I'LL MAKE YOU MANY A MUCKLE!


PROBLEM IS, THAT ROBOT CAN DO THE WORK OF TEN OF US BUILDERS--AND AT A FRACTION OF THE COST!
SO GAMBLE GETS RICH WHILE YOU LOSE YOUR JOBS. WHAT A CREEP!

WITH YOUR BACKING I'LL BUILD AN ARMY OF THESE ROBOTS.
TOGETHER, WE'LL MAKE A FORTUNE!
SOUNDS GOOD!
MIND YOU, WE HAVE GOT MORE MONEY THAN SENSE!
SOUNDS LIKE A CON TRICK!
RELAX, BUD! EXPERIENCE TELLS ME GAMBLE WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!
SUDDENLY...
BOINNK!
BZZTT! VIIP! PHWORR!
BOINNK! RIGHT! WHO WANTS A BARN CONVERSION? BZZT!
AAIIE! THE ROBOT'S GONE HAYWIRE!
OH, HECK! IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO SHORT CIRCUIT UNTIL AFTER I'D SOLD IT!
SO! TRYING TO SELL FAULTY GOODS, EH, GAMBLE?

HIYA DIDDLY-DOO, SONIC! LONG TIME NO SEE!
CHARMY BEE! HOW DID YOU GET HERE FROM THE SPECIAL ZONE?
MY TEAM-MATE VECTOR FOUND A WAY! IT'S ALL A BIT TECHNICAL, BUT HE...
SAVE IT, CHARMY! YOU'RE IN THE WAY!
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE RUDE! I--
I MEAN YOU'RE IN THE WAY OF THAT HAMMER! MOVE IT!
-- WHOOPS A DOODLE DAISY!
THOOM
YOU'VE GOT A BIT OF DAMP THERE, MATE! BOOINNG!
I'VE GOT HIS ATTENTION, SONIC! GO GET HIM!


WRRZZ! TEA BREAK! VZZZ...!
KRANG!
JOB DONE!
I GUESS ROBOT BUILDERS WON'T BE TAKING ALL THE JOBS AFTER ALL!
IT'S NOT OVER YET! THE PLUTONIUM POWER CORE IN THE ROBOT'S HEAD IS GOING TO EXPLODE!
YEE-BIBBLY-DEE! IT'S JUST THE JOB FOR ME!
HARD TO BELIEVE THIS GUY IS SECRETLY A PRINCE IN ANOTHER WORLD! *
* SEE ISSUE 91 - MEGADROID.
UGH! HOPE THIS IS FAR ENOUGH!
FLING!


BOOOM!
YIPPEE-AY-YAY! I SAVED THE DAY!
GOOD WORK, CHARMY, BUT THAT CREEP MAX GAMBLE HAS GONE INTO HIDING!
OOH DIMBLY-DOO! WHAT A COCKLE-OO CALAMITY!
DO YOU HAVE TO GABBLE ON LIKE THAT?
I DON'T HAVE TO, BUT I SEE IT AS MY CUTEY-DUTY AS A BUZZY BEE!
"CUTEY-DUTY"? AAGHH! I CAN'T STAND TO LISTEN TO ANY MORE!
I'M OVER HERE, SONIC! LOCK ME AWAY, PLEASE!
SOMETIMES IT PAYS TO BE IRRITATING!
HMM. IT SEEMS YOU'RE NOT AS DUMB AS YOU LOOK!
AHEM. I'LL TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT!
THE END!

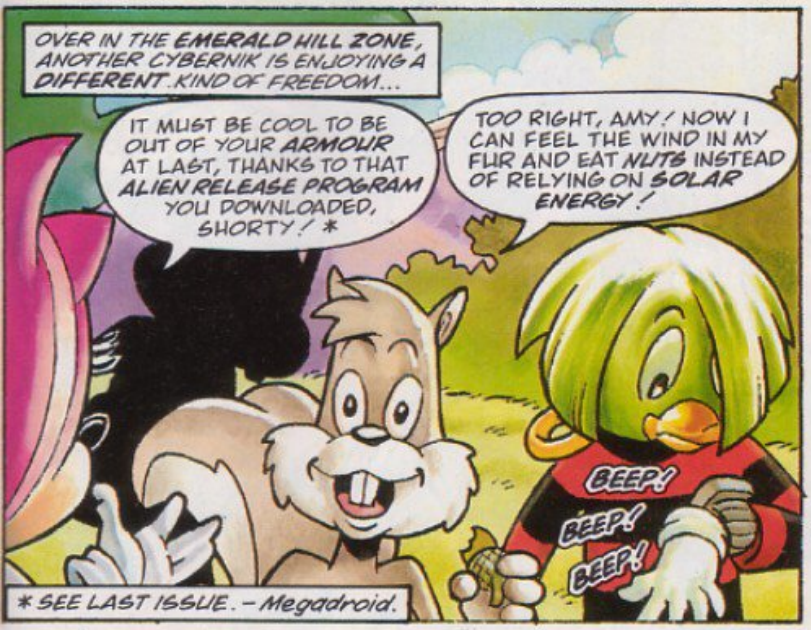
NEXT ISSUE: TAILS STARS IN RECIPE FOR DISASTER!

SONIC'S WORLD / AMY & TEKNO PART 2

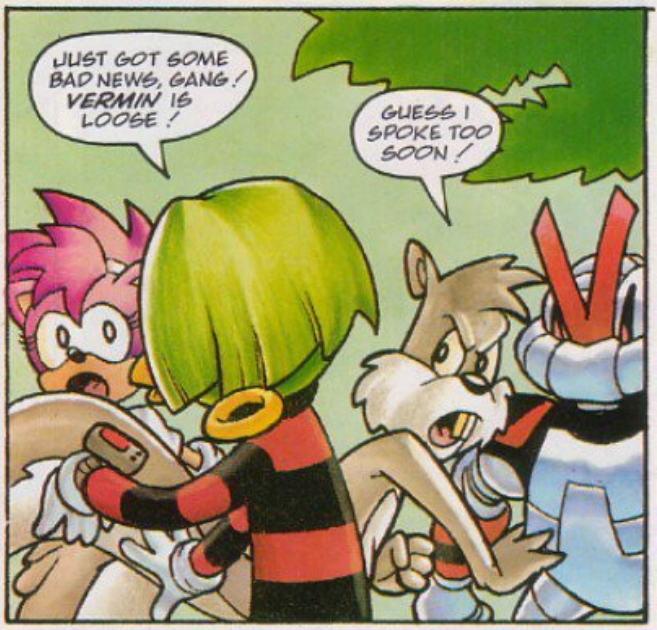
BREAKOUT

Script: LEW STRINGER B & w art: ANDY PRITCHETT Colouring: STEVE WHITE Lettering: GORDON ROBSON

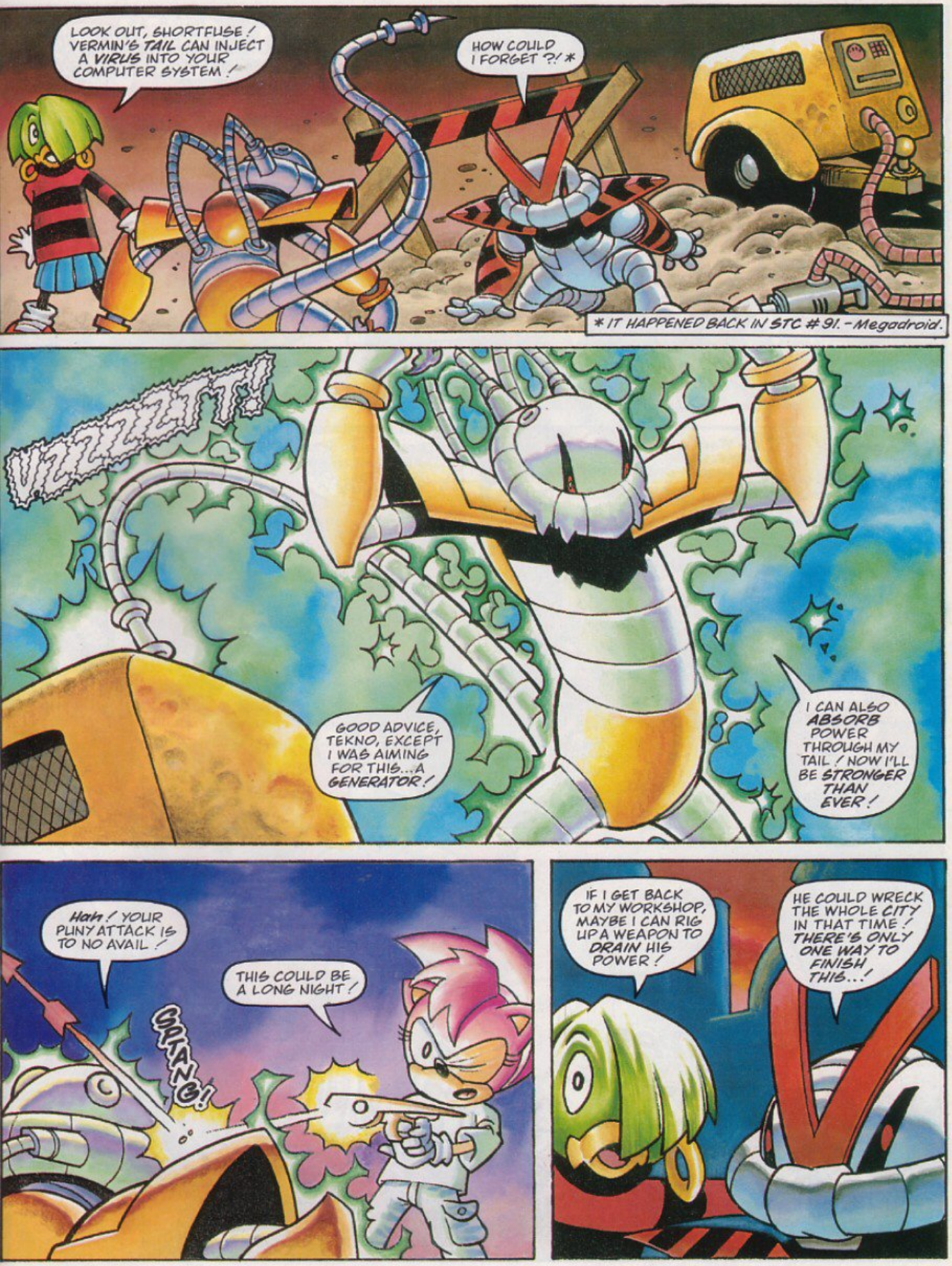
VERMIN THE CYBERNIK HAS ESCAPED FROM HIS CELL IN THE METROPOLIS ZONE!
START SPREADING THE NEWS! OLD RED EYES IS BACK!
BZZAK!
SO WE NOTICED! HELP!

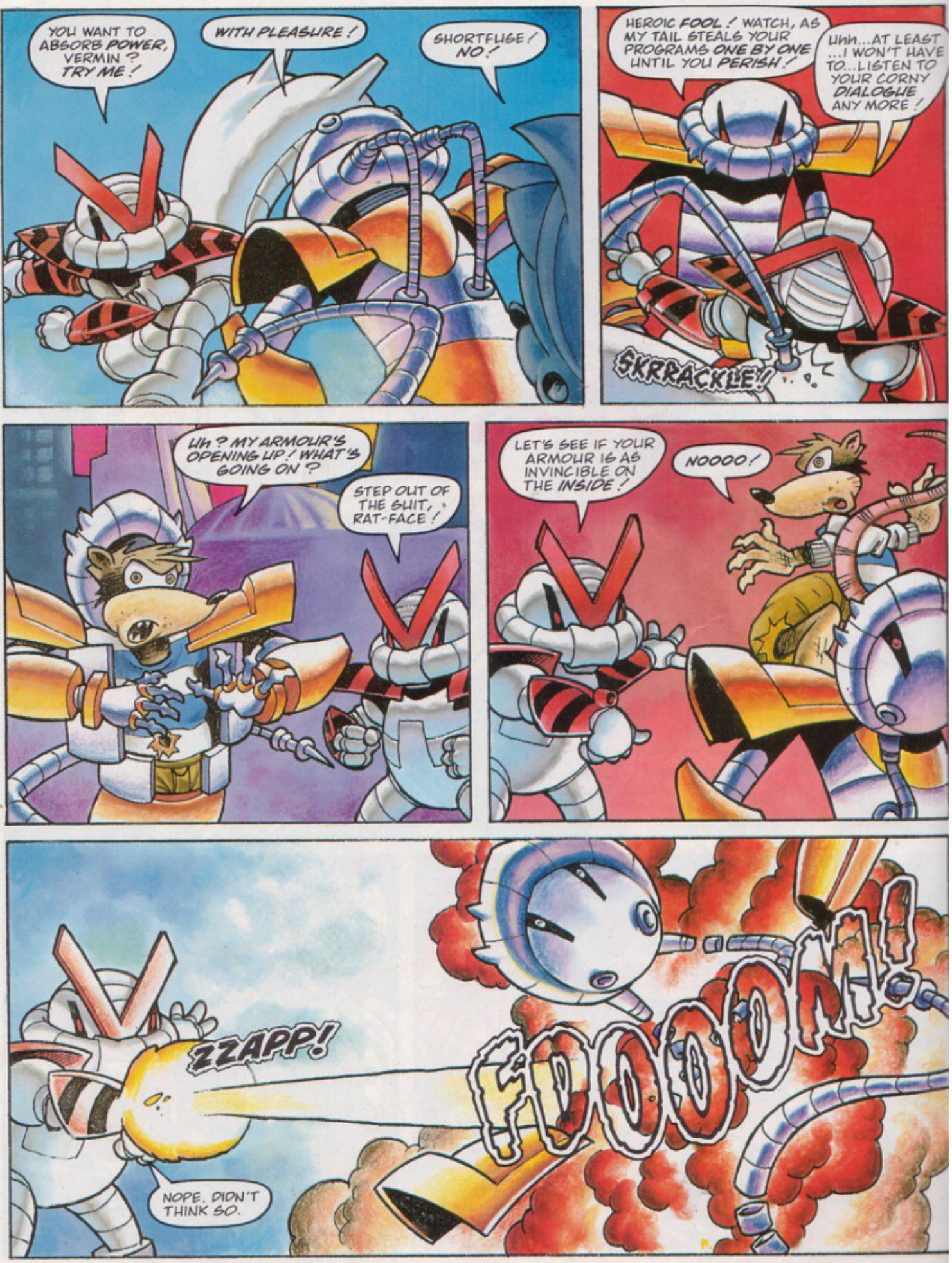

OVER IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE, ANOTHER CYBERNIK IS ENJOYING A DIFFERENT KIND OF FREEDOM...
IT MUST BE COOL TO BE OUT OF YOUR ARMOUR AT LAST, THANKS TO THAT ALIEN RELEASE PROGRAM YOU DOWNLOADED, SHORTY! *
TOO RIGHT, AMY! NOW I CAN FEEL THE WIND IN MY FUR AND EAT NUTS INSTEAD OF RELYING ON SOLAR ENERGY!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!

* SEE LAST ISSUE. – Megadroid.



IF MY EVIL COUNTERPART IS FREE, IT'S A JOB FOR SHORTFUSE THE CYBERNIK!
Ahem! NOT FORGETTING AMY AND TEKNO, SHORTY!
MEANWHILE...
FOOLS! YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME!
Ugh! HE'S SWATTING US ASIDE AS IF WE WERE INSECTS!
Um, WE ARE, ACTUALLY!
PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE, VERMIN!
THANKS, I WILL!
GIVE UP, VERMIN! ROBOTNIK'S NOT WORLD RULER ANY MORE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO FOLLOW HIS ORDERS NOW!
SPTANNG!
UGNH!
THEN MAYBE I'LL GO FREELANCE!


LOOK OUT, SHORTFUSE! VERMIN'S TAIL CAN INJECT A VIRUS INTO YOUR COMPUTER SYSTEM!
HOW COULD I FORGET?! *
* IT HAPPENED BACK IN STC #91. - Megadroid.
VVVZZZZTT!
GOOD ADVICE, TEKNO, EXCEPT I WAS AIMING FOR THIS...A GENERATOR!
I CAN ALSO ABSORB POWER THROUGH MY TAIL! NOW I'LL BE STRONGER THAN EVER!
Hah! YOUR PUNY ATTACK IS TO NO AVAIL!
THIS COULD BE A LONG NIGHT!
SPANG!
IF I GET BACK TO MY WORKSHOP, MAYBE I CAN RIG UP A WEAPON TO DRAIN HIS POWER!
HE COULD WRECK THE WHOLE CITY IN THAT TIME! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FINISH THIS...!


YOU WANT TO ABSORB POWER, VERMIN ? TRY ME !
WITH PLEASURE !
SHORTFUSE ! NO !
HEROIC FOOL ! WATCH, AS MY TAIL STEALS YOUR PROGRAMS ONE BY ONE UNTIL YOU PERISH !
Uhh...AT LEAST ...I WON'T HAVE TO...LISTEN TO YOUR CORNY DIALOGUE ANY MORE !
SKRRACKLE !!
Uh ? MY ARMOUR'S OPENING UP ! WHAT'S GOING ON ?
STEP OUT OF THE SUIT, RAT-FACE !
LET'S SEE IF YOUR ARMOUR IS AS INVINCIBLE ON THE INSIDE !
NOOOO !
ZZAPP !
FOOOOM !
NOPE. DIDN'T THINK SO.

G-GOT TO ESCAPE! FIND DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! MAYBE HE CAN BUILD ME NEW ARMOUR!
DREAM ON, RATBOY!
NOT SO COCKY WITHOUT THE SUIT, ARE YOU?
POW
SO YOU SACRIFICED YOUR ARMOUR'S RELEASE PROGRAM TO SAVE THE CITY, SHORTFUSE?
IT WAS THE ONLY WAY, BUT IT MEANS I'M TRAPPED IN MY ARMOUR AGAIN!
I DON'T GET IT! IF HE WANTED THAT RELEASE PROGRAM SO BADLY, WHY GIVE IT UP JUST TO SAVE A CITY FULL OF PEOPLE HE HARDLY KNOWS?
SOMEONE LIKE YOU WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND, VERMIN!
THAT'S PARTLY WHAT BEING A HERO IS ALL ABOUT!
The End
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MEANWHILE, HERE IS THE TEST-CARD...

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